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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO HONG KONG,
ISLAMABAD, SEOUL, TOKYO, USUN NEW YORK APRIL 18, 1973 FROM TEHRAN
IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 2557

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARRIVAL IN TEHRAN OF NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION AND POS-
SIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF IRANIAN- NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC RELA-
TIONS

REF: SEOUL 2368

SUMMARY

1. ON APRIL 13 A FIVE- MAN NORTH KOREAN " FRIENDSHIP" DELEGATION
ARRIVED UNHERALDED IN TEHRAN, REPORTEDLY FOR ECONOMIC DIS-
CUSSIONS. DELEGATION IS HEADED BY NORTH KOREAN MINISTER OF
FINANCE KYONG- RYON KIM AND INCLUDES SONG- RYON AN, CHONG- IL
KIM, HYOUNG- SUP SO AND GIL- HWAN KIM. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
APPEARS IMMINENT.
END SUMMARY

2. NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION CHECKED INTO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND
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MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND HAD AUDIENCE WITH SHAH. THESE MEETINGS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND NORTH KOREA WAS IMMINENT. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHONG KYU KIM, WHO HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US, SAID HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT IRAN PLANNED TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA SHORTLY AND REPORTED HE HAD MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI APRIL 16 TO URGE THAT GOI THINK HARD BEFORE ESTABLISHING RELATIONS. KIM ALSO ASKED THAT WE SUPPORT HIS DEMARCHES.

3. IN MEETINGS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND COURT MAINTAINED UNDER EXPANDED WFP. ROGERS

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